(e) and (f) M/s. Essar Projects Limited was established in 1990 and the operating results of the company for the last four years have been disclosed in the prespectus. No disbursements were made by the financial institutions before the promoters' contribution was brought into M/s. **Essar Oil Limited.**

(g) Does not arise.

Insurance of Automobiles

3361. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have reviewed recently the law governing insurance of automobiles; if so, with what results;

(b) whether it is a fact that the vehicle owners, in case of loss of theft of vehicle, are required to wait for a minimum period of three months as provided in the Insurance Law before their claims are considered; and

(c) whether, in the wake of liberalisation, Government propose to review the provision with a view to provide for immediate compensation in case of theft of vehicles and fix a reasonable period for settlement of such claims as also for settlement of other claims arising out of insurance policies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) The Government had recently made substantial amendments in the Motor Vehicles Act, 1939. These amendments have become effective from 14-11-1994. Few important amendments are as under:—

(1) With a view to expedite the compensation to the road accident victims and also to evolve a uniform quantum of compensation, a structured formula, based on age and income of the victim, has been evolved.

(2) The amount of compensation to road accident victims on the principle of 'No Fault' liability has been doubled.

(3) The amount of compensation to the victims of hit and run cases has been raised to Rs. 25,000/- in case of death and Rs. 12,000/- in case of grievous hurt.

(b) and (c) There is no law stipulating the minimum waiting period of three months for the settlement of the claims of vehicle onwers. The General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) have reported that these claims are settled immediately after all the documents including final investigation report are received by the Insurance Companies. In case all documents are received except final investigation report, then 75 per cent 'On-Account' payment is made to the victim, by them.

Assistance offered by South Korea

3362. SHRI HIPHEI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of South Korea has offered official Development Assistance for infrastructure projects in December, 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof with terms of such assistance;

(c) whether Government have taken any initiative in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

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3363. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: